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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 131,178 for the month of February, 2004. This represents an increase of 0.3% as compared to February, 2003. However, 2004 is a leap year with an extra day of traffic in February. Traffic has decreased 2.5% when 28 days of traffic for February 2003 and 2004 are compared.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

Vehicle Classification	One-Way Crossings	Change from February, 2003	Percent of Total Crossings
Full-Fare Passenger Cars:	59,743	2.2%	45.5%
Commuter Fare:	57,017	-1.7%	43.5%
Car Pulling Trailers	3,925	-15.9%	3.0%
Commercial Trucks:	10,493	7.9%	8.0%
Totals:	131,178		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2004 has totaled 260,457 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 4.6% as compared to 2003. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 75,390,000 vehicles have crossed the structure.

Sincerely,

International Bridge Administration

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